



ASHBY WOULD'S
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1972

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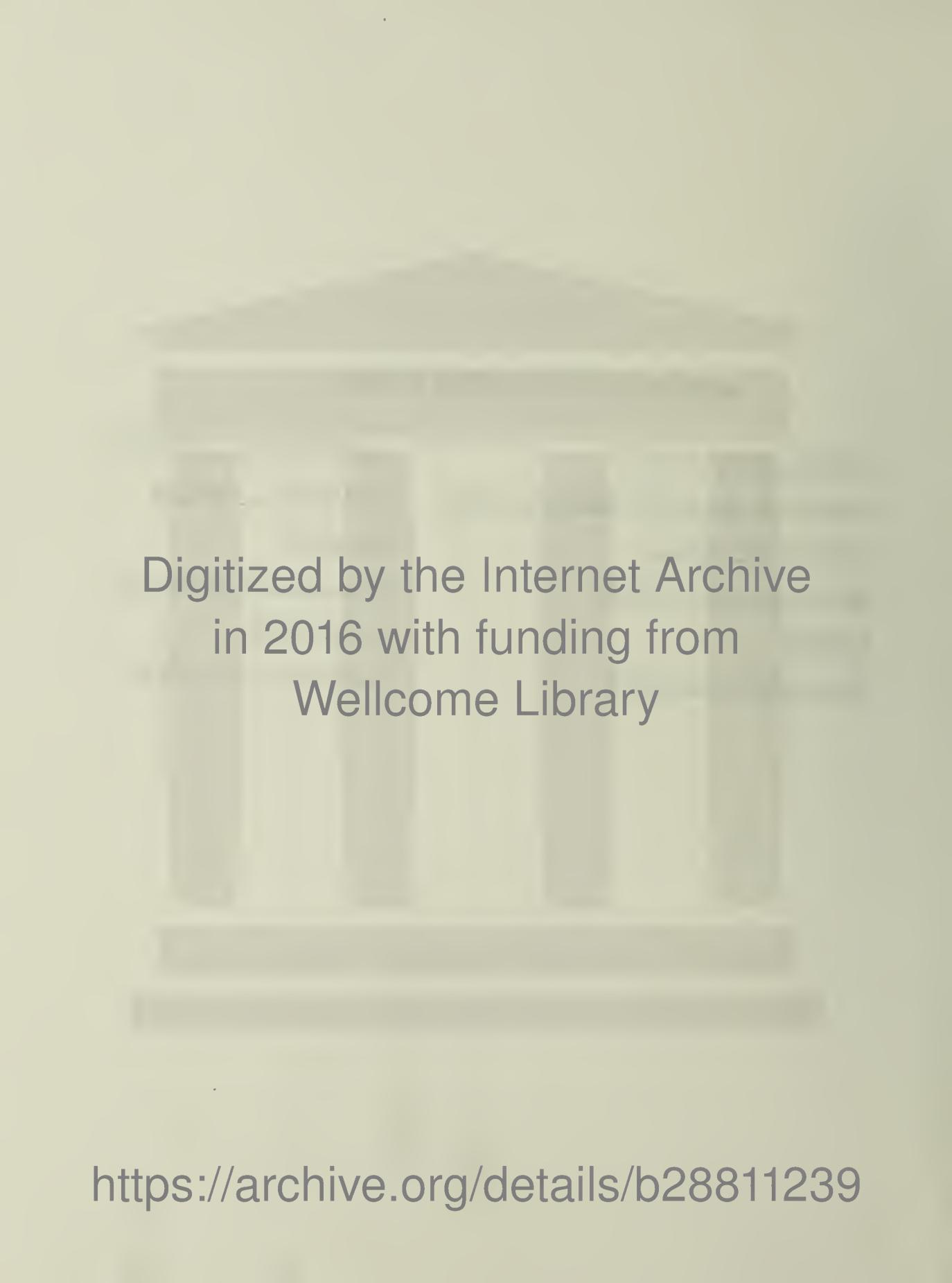
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Council Offices,
MOIRA.
Nr. Burton-on-Trent.

1st July, 1973.

To: The Ashby Woulds Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit for your information and attention the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1972 concerning the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the area.

During the year Mr D. Bradbury, Chief Public Health Inspector, Swadlincote Urban District Council, who had for some years been acting as your Public Health Inspector by arrangement with that Authority died suddenly. His sudden passing came as a shock to us all. He had served the Council well and our sympathy goes out to those who mourn his loss.

His deputy at Swadlincote (Mr B. Gotobed) took over his duties here with enthusiasm but Swadlincote U.D.C. shortly indicated to your Council that they wished to terminate the existing arrangement as from 31st December 1972. At the end of the year attempts were being made to come to a comparable arrangement with another adjoining Authority.

I have again to thank all the members of your staff with whom I have had contact for their co-operation and help, and the members of the Council themselves for their continued courtesy and consideration.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

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General Statistics of the Area

Vital Statistics

Estimated population Location 1972 England and Wales 1972 AWUD 1971

Estimated mid-year home population 3040 3000

Live Births M F Total

Total	19	23	42		
Legitimate	17	22	39	42	
Illegitimate	2	1	3		43

Live Birth Rates etc.

Live Births per 1,000 home pop (crude rate)	13.8	14.8	14.3
Area comparability factor	1.08	1.00	1.07
Local adjusted rate	14.9	14.8	15.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to National rate	1.01	1.00	.96
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births.	7	9	0

Stillbirths

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	0
Illegitimate	-	-	0

Stillbirth rate

Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births. 0 12 0

Total Live and still births

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Total	19	23	42	43
Legitimate	17	22	39	
Illegitimate	2	1	3	

Death of Infants

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Under one year of age				
Total	-	-	-	0
Legitimate	-	-	-	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	

1972England and
Wales 1972AWUD
1971Infant Mortality Rates

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	0	17	0
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births.	0	17	0
Deaths per illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	21	0

M F TotalUnder 4 weeks of age

Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Neonatal Mortality Rate

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	0	12	0
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M F TotalUnder 1 week of age

Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	0	10	0
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Perinatal Mortality Rate

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & stillbirths	0	22	0
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M F Total

Deaths - all ages	18	17	35	42
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Death Rates etc - all ages

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	11.5	12.1	14.0
Area Comparability factor	1.08	1.00	1.24
Local adjusted rate	12.4	12.1	17.4
Ratio of local adjusted rate to National Rate	1.03	1.00	1.50

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0	0

NUMBER OF DEATHS BY CAUSE, IN SEX AND AGE GROUPS

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	ALL AGES	UNDER 4 WKS	4 WKS & UNDER 1 YR	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & OVER	
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, STOMACH.	M F	2 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST.	M F	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS.	M F	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE	M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	M F	4 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	M F	4 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	M F	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
PNEUMONIA	M F	1 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SYMPTOMS AND ILL DEFINED CONDITIONS	M F	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M F	3 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M F	18 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	5	7

The estimated population is given as 3,040, an increase of 40 since last year.

42 births took place but only one of these babies was born at home. The birth rate was 14.9, compared with a rate of 14.8 for England and Wales, and 15.3 last year for the district.

There were three illegitimate births, no still births and no deaths of infants under one year.

The number of deaths decreased from 42 last year to 35 this year, with a death rate of 12.4 compared with 12.1 for England and Wales and 17.4 for the district in 1971. 21 of the deaths occurred outside the district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Only three cases of infectious disease were notified during the year - all measles. One was a male in the 3 - 4 years age group; the others were females, one in the 4 - 5 years age group, and the other in the 10 - 14 years age group.

This compares with 34 cases of infectious disease notified in 1971.

MEALS ON WHEELS

5 visits were paid to applicants for Meals on Wheels, involving 6 persons. One of these had removed temporarily to her daughter's home and was not seen. The others were found to be in need of the service.

The supply of meals gave cause for some concern, as the firm which prepared them decided to withdraw the facilities they had previously afforded, owing to some criticism of the quality of the meals supplied. Your Medical Officer had seen meals just before their distribution and had considered the quality satisfactory.

Eventually another source of supply was arranged and at the end of the year things appeared to be operating satisfactorily. Thanks are due to both sources of supply and to the individuals responsible for their distribution.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951

It was found necessary to take formal action under the above Acts in respect of one elderly person who had been under observation for some months previously.

A joint certificate was given by her own general practitioner and by your Medical Officer of Health, referring to her health and the conditions under which she was living and to the fact that she was unable to devote to herself and was not receiving from others proper care and attention. A Justice's Order was thereupon secured authorising her admission to the Andressey Hospital, Burton-on-Trent arrangements having been made for her admission thereto with the Geriatrician concerned. His co-operation was much appreciated.

As such an Order is operative for three weeks only arrangements were put in hand for an application to be made to the Court for an extension of the period of detention, but before the application could actually be made the person concerned signified in writing that she was agreeable to remaining in hospital until she was considered medically fit for discharge, so no further steps were taken. She had, in fact, settled down very well in hospital.

Cases like this are always difficult and distressing, and cause some anxiety all round. Often the person involved is quite happy although in indifferent health and living in poor conditions and it becomes a question as to whether they will be more happy or less happy after their compulsory removal. This particular individual had had care and oversight from her own general practitioner, his attached Health Visitor, the Meals on Wheels Service, and Social Services Department of the County Council and to some extent from relatives and neighbours but most of all from the Home Help Service. No praise can be too great for the assistance given by the Home Helps involved.

At the end of the year the patient was still in hospital although it is understood that her discharge after Christmas was a possibility.

DUST AND NOISE

Reference was made in my last Report to complaints about dust in the air and mud on the roads - these complaints along with noise from a coal screening plant applying with most force to the Albert Village area of the district.

Fear of aggravation of these conditions arose during the year as application was being made by The National Coal Board for authorisation to work land at Albert Village by opencast methods. It is understood that the Clerk of the Council met representatives of The National Coal Board, the Operators and the County Planning Department and he reported to the Council the measures he proposed to be taken by the N.C.B. and the operators to eliminate the conditions which had been experienced in the past. It was hoped that, if authorisation were granted, conditions would be attached to existing planning permission which would be likely to secure a vast improvement on present conditions.

The operators of the screening plant had agreed to take several measures to eliminate the discomforts arising from dust, mud and noise e.g. more efficient machines to be used fitted with complete dust control equipment, and other methods to be tried to control the sources of other complaints, and although some of the processes would be likely to continue for some time it is hoped to effect noticeable improvement in living conditions in Albert Village.

No one can deny that unlovely landscapes abound in and around Albert Village, the result of various industrial processes of past years, but in spite of its dismal and depressing appearance, especially on wet days, its inhabitants retain a deep affection for their own little part of the district, an attitude of mind to be encouraged and fostered and the hope must be that sooner rather than later, somehow or other, conditions will in fact be materially improved.

HOUSING OF THE ELDERLY

Woulds Court, which is specifically designed as a unit for elderly people with full welfare and warden services, was officially opened in October.

It comprises 20 - 1 person flatlets and along with adjoining Cherry Tree Court (30 - 2 person flats), is the second group scheme to be provided by the Council as part of a development of 90 dwellings, the remaining dwellings already built, being made up of 11 - 5 person houses, 24 - 4 person houses, and 5 - 4 person maisonettes.

In Woodlands Way are 12 elderly persons bungalows and the tenants of these along with those of Woulds Court and Cherry Tree Court have access to a large lounge/common room with a curtained television area, and to a sun lounge both provided in the Woulds Court unit. It is to be hoped that all the tenants, or at least most of them, will make full use of the amenities provided.

Sanitary Circumstances in the Area

Water Supply

The whole of the district has been supplied with water by The North West Leicestershire Water Board and throughout the year no complaints were received.

Samples were taken regularly by The Water Board throughout the district and all of these were found to be satisfactory.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district.

Internal mains water supply		Mains water from external stand pipes		Well water supply	
<u>No of dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>No of dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>No of dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
1226	3040	3	1	-	-

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal

The new system of sewerage and Pumping Stations at Albert Village was finally started and it is hoped that this will be finished and in operation at an early date.

Trouble was experienced with flooding at The Crescent but a scheme has now been drawn up which it is hoped to implement in the near future and this should alleviate the nuisance.

An application was received for the discharge of large quantities of trade effluent into the sewerage system at Albert Village but no final decision was taken on this matter due, partly, to the fact that the appeal against planning permission refusal had not been finally settled.

Notices

Statutory

Two Statutory Notices were served during the year and Court proceedings were pending in one case.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Number of Site Licences Issued:-

(a) Individual Vans	-	Nil
(b) More than one van	-	1

It is nice to be able to report that, for once, very little trouble has been experienced from itinerants parking on open ground within the district.

Problems have arisen with a piece of land at Albert Village which is occupied by one caravan without a site licence, but so far, planning considerations have made this problem difficult to deal with. It is to be hoped that this problem can be sorted out in the near future.

Closet Accommodation

The total number in the district on 31st December, 1972.

Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
W.C's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1223

Pail Closets are emptied weekly by the use of a Bedford Eagle Cesspool Emptying Machine. All cesspools in the district are emptied on request and a free service is provided four times a year, over and above this amount a charge is made on a time basis.

Public Cleansing

A weekly collection of household refuse is always maintained by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry 25 cub yard, Fore and Aft Refuse Freighter. Disposal is to one controlled tip.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

(a)	Total number of complaints	72
(b)	Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	72

<u>Inspections Made</u>	<u>No of Inspections</u>
Animal Keeping	Nil
Bakehouses	Nil
Dairies	Nil
Drainage Works	75
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	406
Infectious Disease Inquiries	5
Food Poisoning Inquiries	Nil
Food Premises	148
Offensive Trades.	Nil
Refuse Collection and Disposal	Nil
Rodent Control (Excluding Rodent Operator Visits).	5
Schools	Nil
Shops and Offices.	4
Slaughter houses and Meat Inspection	142
Smoke Control	5
Verminous and dirty premises.	2
Caravans etc.	7
Water Supplies	Nil
Factories and Workplaces.	Nil
Other Inspections	169
	<u>968</u>

Notices

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st Jan. 1972	-	-
Issued During Year.	-	1
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st Dec. 1972	-	1

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Registration and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Total number of registered premises</u>	<u>Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.</u>
Offices	1	4
Retail Shops	9	12
Wholesale Warehouses, Shops.	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens.	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	-

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises. 17.

Throughout the year no accidents were reported.

All defects found at premises were found to be of a minor nature such as absence of thermometers etc. and were dealt with.

The Pet Animals Act 1951

There are no pet shops in the Urban District.

The Rag Flock and Other Filling Act 1951

No action.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the public

There are no Swimming Baths in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Housing

During the year inspections were made of all the houses in Peter Street, Albert Village and also considerable number of houses in Main Street, Albert Village and subsequent to these inspections, closing orders were made on these properties. Throughout the year re-housing of the tenants of these properties was undertaken but until alternative accommodation at Albert Village is constructed, complete vacation of all premises will not be possible.

The five houses known as Club Row in Measham Rd, Moira were demolished and re-development of the site is anticipated.

Number of post war houses completed by:-

Local Authority	324
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Private Enterprise	209
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Number of applications for Council houses at end of year	33
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Number of applications received during year.	47
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Housing Summary

Total Number of occupied houses in district.	1226
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Improvements

Number of Standard Grant applications received	21
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Number of Standard Grant applications approved	21
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Number of Standard Grants paid	6
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As is the National trend, the rate of improvement of old property has increased throughout the year and it can be expected that this trend will continue for some time to come.

Several applications were made for Improvement Grants but these were all refused.

Inspection and Supervision of FoodIce CreamNumber of premises registered

Manufacture	-	Nil
Retail Only	-	7

Milk Supply

No samples were taken during the year.

Dairies and Distributors

All biological and bacteriological milk sampling undertaken by the County Council with satisfactory results.

Meat and Other FoodsRecord of Animals killed and inspected

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	57	-	2	155	136	-
Number inspected	57	-	2	155	136	-
<u>All diseases except</u>						
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	10	23	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticercous.	12.3	-	-	6.4	16.9	-

Tuberculosis Only

Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cysticercous

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generally and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

The one licenced slaughterhouse in the district was again used and 100% inspection of the carcases was carried out. In general the quality of meat was high and the main cause of condemnation was parasites in the offal.

Number of Slaughterhouses in the area ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Animals slaughtered in the area	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
Number of Animals examined therein	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
Number of Knackers Yards in the area	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Meat Stalls including Mobile Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Meat Shops, Stores etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	142

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections	36
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Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

The standard of hygiene in food shops and premises continues to be very satisfactory and owners, managers and staff are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain the high standard of cleanliness.

Number of premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Informal Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Informal Notices outstanding 31st Dec. 1972	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Formal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Formal Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Formal Notices outstanding 31st December, 1972	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Prescribed particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of
The Act.

Resume' of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1972 which has already been sent to The Ministry of Employment and Productivity, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to Health
(Including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	0	0	0
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	9	21	2
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	1	4	0
	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>

Part 8 of the Act, Outwork (Section 110 and 111).

There are NO current entries in the Register of Outworkers.

